

# Trauma Advisory Council

February 7, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

## MEMEBERS PRESENT

Dr. Wendell Pahls

Robert Williams

Dr. James Graham

Dr. John Cone

Dr. Johannes Gruenwald

K.C. Jones

Terry Collins

Dr. Clint Evens

Don Adams for Stephen Erixson

Dr. Sam Smith

## STAFF

Brian Nation

David Taylor

## Members Absent

Dr. Roger Cagle

Sheila Taylor

Ken Kelly

Dr. Ronald Robertson

Dr. Michael Pollock

Brian Nation called the Trauma Advisory Council to order on February 7, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

The council members reviewed January 3, 2006 Minutes.

All of the Council members introduced themselves.

Brian Nation reviewed a written report on adjacent state trauma plans. The report was requested on January 3, 2006 by the Council.

David Taylor addressed fine points of the comparison. He mentioned that the state of Mississippi had a good definition of Uncompensated Care that the Council might find useful.

Dr. Cone discussed future funding for the system and he mentioned the possibility of running reimbursements through Medicaid after taking the administrative portion off of the top.

Dr. Gruenwald concurred and said that there was no need to create a separate funding stream to hospitals.

Dr. Graham said that hospital administrators were already used to filling out Medicaid paperwork.

Brian Nation will check to see if the system can function with Medicaid.

**Election of Officers:** The Trauma Advisory Council held an election for new officers.

Terry Collins nominated Dr. Johannes Gruenwald for Chairman, Dr. Wendell Pahls nominated Dr. James Graham for Vice Chairman, and Terry Collins nominated Wendell Pahls for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and all of the nominations were approved by the Council.

Chairman:	Dr. Johannes Gruenwald
Vice Chairman:	Dr. James Graham
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr. Wendell Pahls

**Data Collection:** Members of the Council discussed data collection and decided to try and utilize some of the available data. It was mentioned that UAMS, Children's Hospital, White River Medical, St. Bernard's, and St. Josephs are all collecting data.

It may be best to use data from Non-Little Rock hospitals such as White River Medical, St. Bernard's, and St. Josephs to get a better picture of the state.

Dr. Graham mentioned a national data set called H-Cup. The data is available, but there is a charge for use.

Dr. Graham mentioned conducting a study. He said that the Hospital Association could check to see what percentages of Uncompensated Care Arkansas hospitals were experiencing.

1. How many dollars.
2. Medicare Cost Reports (Not Separated Out)
3. ICD-9 Codes (Trauma Related)

**Future legislation:** The Council discussed approaches to funding the system through future legislation.

Terry Collins mentioned bringing survivors in to tell their stories.

Dr. Sam Smith mentioned the need to discuss the patient and not just the costs.

Dr. Pahls said that the Council needs a complete plan and a selling point.

Other funding sources such as Sturges, Reynolds, and the Rockefeller foundation were discussed.

A Focus Group was formed to work on the Trauma Plan. They will discuss the plan by E-Mail, and they will meet on February 14, 2006 at the Section of EMS and Trauma Systems to discuss the plan.

Council Members asked for the following pieces of information:

- An electronic version of Arkansas "Draft" Trauma Plan
- A list of members, and members who miss meetings
- An E-Mail list of members attending the meeting

The Trauma Advisory Council will continue to meet on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.